

MILLEPORA CELLULOSA.



CHARACTER GENERICUS.

Animal Hydra.

Corallium poris turbinatis teretibus.

Lin. Syst. Nat. p. 1282.

CHARACTER SPECIFICUS, &c.

MILLEPORA membranacea reticulata umbilicata
turbinato-undulata, hinc porosa pubescens.

Lin. Syst. Nat. p. 1284.

ESCHARA RETIFORMIS.

Ray. syn. p. 31. n. 1.

RETICULUM MARINUM.

Rumpf. amb. 6. p. 247. t. 87.

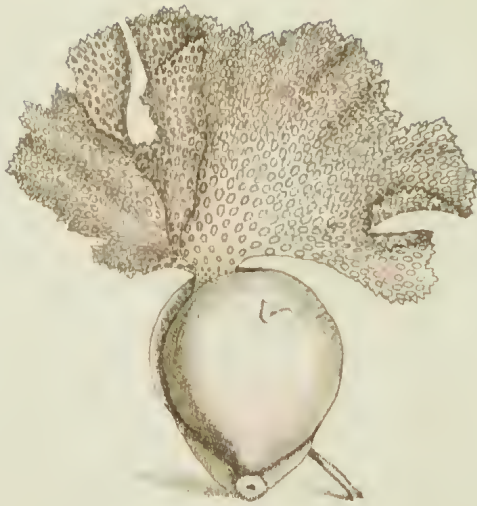
MILLEPORA FORAMINOSA.

Ellis et Soland. zooph. p. 138.

Hoc lithophyto frustra fortasse quæremus formosius in toto genere. Constat enim e lamina undulata, plana, erecta, quæ interdum calyci non abfimilis; alias longo ambitu pulchre et luxurianter plicata, et fere circulatim fimbriata. Efficiunt foramina

ramina ampla, numerosa, æqualia, ut videatur corallium quasi phrygionium: unde Galli fati apte vocarunt *Manchette de Neptune*. Tota superficies interna, si ope microscopii examinetur, foramina habet ovata, quæ incoluisse creduntur animalia polypis similia. Color Milleporæ cellulosæ est interdum lacteus, alias subflavescens.

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LACE MILLEPORE.



GENERIC CHARACTER.

Animal resembling a Hydra or Polype.

Coral furnished with cylindric turbinated pores.

SPECIFIC CHARACTER, &c.

IRREGULARLY WAVED LAMINAR MILLEPORE, with oval perforations: the inner surface marked with pores.

LACE MILLEPORE.

Soland et Ellis zooph. p. 138.

MANCHETTE DE NEPTUNE.

Pl. enl. 23.

The structure of this Lithophyte is so elegant that it may justly be considered as one of the most beautiful of the whole coral tribe. It consists of an undulating, flat, upright lamina, sometimes so disposed as to form a single cup-like figure; at other times running into a luxuriant state, and appearing richly folded and turned in a somewhat irregular direction in the manner of a ruffle. The perforations, which are large, extremely numerous, and

and of a regular form, give the coral the appearance of lace. It is from this singular aspect that the French have given to this species of Millepore the expressive title of *Manchette de Neptune*, or Neptune's ruffle. When microscopically examined, it appears pierced all over on the internal or upper surface by oval foramina; the supposed habitations of polype-like animals. The colour of this Millepore is sometimes milk-white; at other times yellowish.